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Sir:

This is a request for entering the national stage of PCT application PCT/US2003/033107, filed October 17, 2003, and entitled SKI BINDING ADJUSTABLE FOR IMPROVED BALANCE, of the following inventor, a United States citizen, having residence and post office address as follows:

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The international application was originally filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice (form PCT/IB/308) Informing Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the U.S. and other Designated Offices. Therefore, a copy of the international application is not enclosed herewith, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.495(b)(1).

Enclosed is the Declaration of the inventor.

Applicant hereby claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27).

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the specification and claims in accordance with the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, which results in a total of 20 claims and 4 independent claims, i.e., an excess of 1 independent claim.

The International Search Authority for the PCT application is the United States. Therefore, the national stage search fee for this application, at the small entity rate, is \$50.00, as provided by 37 CFR 1.492(b)(1).

The calculation of the filing and excess claim fees (at the small entity rate, Applicant claims small entity status) is as follows:

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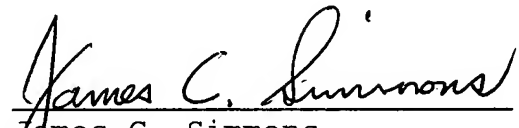
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| Basic national stage fee | \$150.00 |
| National stage search fee | 50.00 |
| National stage examination fee | 100.00 |
| Excess claim fee | <u>100.00</u> |
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Enclosed is a check for \$400.00 for the filing fees.
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